

Concerning Indiana's Do Not Call Law,

Please, seriously consider not altering the Indiana "Do Not Call Law". I signed up for the Do Not Call list because it was a very good way to get some of my privacy back and have a less stressful home life.

I work in the office of a small business. One of my responsibilities is to answer all calls. The "Do Not Call Law" does not apply to businesses so there is always an avalanche of UNSOLICITED sales calls, not to mention junk faxes, junk mail, and spam. I have received as many as four sales calls FROM THE SAME COMPANY, on the same day, from the same sales person. One salesperson actually told me I HAD to listen to his spiel and answer his questions, others get nasty when I say "Not interested". These calls waste my time and are stressful.

After dealing with all the unsolicited calls, junk mail, junk faxes and spam emails at work, I also have to deal with it at home. Having the Do Not Call List has been a blessing. When my phone rings I know it is from someone I really want to hear from. My evening is mine, I can relax, I don't have to be on guard when the phone rings because with the "DO NOT CALL List" in effect I don't have to deal with UNSOLICITED sales calls that I don't want, from sales people I don't want to deal with, calling from companies I don't want to do business with. I never buy anything from a sales call.

We all have to deal with junk mail, junk faxes, spam, commercials on cable, satellite, and radio, advertisements in newspapers, magazines, and the internet, not to mention those annoying pop-up or under web windows. Can't I be allowed just one medium that I am not forced to deal with unwanted cold call sales attempts?

If this law is over ridden or modified, I can expect to receive sales calls 24/7 just like it use to be. Assuring me there will be time constraints put on these sales calls does not comfort me in any way. These sales calls will most likely originate outside the State

of Indiana possibly outside the United States and none of them can be prosecuted if they don't follow regulations. I can expect these salespeople to speak English as a second language and it will be hard to understand them. I can even expect they will insult my intelligence, try to change my mind, and maybe get nasty if I am not a willing victim. I DON'T WANT ANY UNSOLICITED SALES CALLS, if I did I would not have signed up for the list in the beginning.

I am a competent person and can make decisions ALL ON MY OWN without the help of uninvited strangers. If I want to conduct banking business or need help I contact the bank and find out what my options are. If I need to purchase a vacuum, I will, when I choose, not when some stranger tries to convince me I should on their time schedule. The banks send out statements, why don't they just enclose a flyer informing me of any special opportunities? I do not want, nor do I need an UNSOLICITED sales call on the pretext that they are "only trying to help me". Give me a break, you know as well as I do that the unsolicited calls to "help me" are to generate more profits for the business.

Two to three hours of my day is already spent dealing with UNSOLICITED INVASIONS, should I have to devote more time? Should I be forced to spend more money every month to change my phone to unlisted? I have had the same number for 25 years, it too will be changed if this law is modified. Should I refuse to give my phone number to my bank or any business I patronize to avoid these calls? Should I just turn the ringer off and miss wanted calls or possibly emergencies? Should I be forced to deal with unwanted sales calls from anyone?

Privacy is very precious and all forms of it are fast disappearing with the Homeland Security Act. Are you willing to take away more of my privacy and control of my life? You will if you vote to modify the "Indiana Do Not Call" Law. Please, Please, do not tamper with Indiana's law. We The People of Indiana have already spoken by placing our names on the DO NOT CALL LIST (the huge number is staggering). Is the FCC going to force us to be unwilling victims? And at what cost? Just for a handful of

businesses allowed to interrupt our home life to increase their coffers? Listen to the residents of Indiana and let us live with some peace. Please, don't take away the better quality of life Indiana has given us. Don't force us to be victims of these unsolicited calls again.

Best regards,  
Billie